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OMNIBUS SIGNS ACQUISITION AGREEMENT  
with ROBERT ABEL & ASSOCIATES  
and ABEL IMAGE RESEARCH INC.

J.C.Pennie, President & Chief Executive Officer of OMNIBUS COMPUTER GRAPHICS INC. of Toronto and Robert Abel, President of ROBERT ABEL & ASSOCIATES. INC. announced the signing of an agreement between the two companies. Subject to ratification of the Board of Directors of both firms, OMNIBUS will acquire through a merger agreement all of the shares of ROBERT ABEL & ASSOCIATES, effective on or about August 21, 1986.

OMNIBUS has also agreed to acquire the production division of ABEL IMAGE RESEARCH INC., a company which supplied Robert Abel & Associates with development software. OMNIBUS will be granted a license to the ABEL IMAGE software. This software will complement OMNIBUS "PRISMS" & "DP3D"(c) software developments.

ROBERT ABEL & ASSOCIATES is a privately held Los Angeles based production house. It has current revenues of \$18.0 million U.S. derived primarily through serving the advertising community. Abel's expertise in live action, optical, motion control and miniatures, complements OMNIBUS' existing capabilities and client base. The Abel firm which has won 23 CLIO awards over the past ten years, will not only continue to serve advertising agencies under its own name, but will now have access to the OMNIBUS' capacity and technical expertise for computer simulation.

OMNIBUS will pay \$12.5 million U.S. comprised of 1.0 million of its common shares and the remainder in cash and term notes. ROBERT ABEL, a recognized industry leader in creative image making, will join OMNIBUS as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors and Executive Creative Director of the Company.

These acquisitions will enable OMNIBUS to provide a complete "one stop" facility for the advertising, motion picture and television industries. Until now, no other company offered such a full range of live action, optical, motion control, miniatures and computer simulation facilities. The merger of the two companies plus the OMNIBUS June acquisition of DIGITAL PRODUCTIONS would have enabled OMNIBUS to achieve revenues of \$50.0 million Cdn. in fiscal 1986.

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OMNIBUS is pursuing a long term three point strategy of:

- 1) taking a leading position in the North American computer simulation and film production markets serving advertising, motion picture and television;
- 2) licensing its proprietary technology on an international basis with recognized production houses;
- 3) establishing long-term relationships with entertainment industry production facilities through the licensing of its proprietary technology on a domestic non-exclusive basis.

OMNIBUS is a public Company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange as OMI, and is quoted in the United States by the Associated Press.

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## OMNIBUS ELECTS NORMAN JEWISON TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OMNIBUS COMPUTER GRAPHICS INC., announced the election of Mr. Norman Jewison to the OMNIBUS Board of Directors. Mr. Jewison's election was ratified at a Director's meeting held on August 21, 1986 at the Los Angeles DIGITAL PRODUCTIONS' facility of the Company. Mr. Jewison's broad experience as a renowned international Producer and Director of motion pictures will add a new dimension in formulating the Company's strategic planning for its development of the film and television markets. Omnibus computer simulations are currently being shown in two summer film releases, Labyrinth and Flight of the Navigator.

## ABEL PURCHASE CLOSING EXTENDED

J. C. Pennie, President and Chief Executive Officer of OMNIBUS, further announced that all parties to the agreement to purchase and merge Robert Abel & Associates and the production division of Abel Image Research, Inc., have consented to extend the closing for ratification of the Board of Directors into the first week of September. Pennie indicated that the terms of closing may be amended for certain assets to be purchased, reducing the purchase price to U. S. \$8.5 million. Further details were not released as the participants have entered into a non-disclosure agreement.

OMNIBUS stated its continued commitment to add live action and a production division to its operations to blend the "traditional methods" of production with the "way of the future" using computer simulation. The Company believes that this will give producers the opportunity to learn the advantages of computer simulation by developing their experience with the technology in stages.

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